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Mr. Robert E. Bailey  
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your letter dated March 24, 2016, regarding your Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) monitoring program in Baton Rouge. Specifically, you requested to discontinue PAMS monitoring at two of the four PAMS monitoring sites (i.e., the Pride and Bayou Plaquemine PAMS monitoring sites) beginning May 1, 2016.

We have reviewed your request and approve the discontinuation of PAMS monitoring at the Pride (Air Quality System (AQS) #22-033-0013) and Bayou Plaquemine (AQS #22-047-0009) PAMS monitoring sites beginning May 1, 2016. According to the final rule for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone dated October 26, 2015, and effective December 28, 2015 (Federal Register Vol. 80, No. 206, October 26, 2015, pgs 65292-65468), the Baton Rouge area is currently not subject to the PAMS monitoring provisions found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 58, Appendix D, Section 5. We appreciate your continuation of the long-term PAMS site at Capitol (AQS #22-033-0009) and the PAMS site at Dutchtown (AQS #22-005-0004), which will provide valuable ozone and ozone precursor concentration data for the Baton Rouge area. This area exceeds the 2015 8-hour ozone standard with a preliminary 2013-2015 8-hour ozone design value of 71 parts per billion.

We appreciate the work and effort of you and your staff on the PAMS monitoring program. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2172, or Mark Sather of my staff at (214) 665-8353.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances Verhalen".

Frances Verhalen, P.E.  
Chief  
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